

Chapter 10.50

SNOWMOBILES

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10.50.010 Operation Unlawful.

(a) Except as specifically provided in subsection (b) of this section, and Title 12 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile upon the public streets, alleys, ways, or upon the shoulder, inside bank, or slope of any public right-of-way within the city, or upon any property owned, operated, or controlled by the city, whether within or without the corporate limits.

(b) A snowmobile operator may make a direct crossing of a street or a highway at any hour of the day if:

(1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the street or highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;

(2) The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main travelled way of the street or highway;

(3) The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard;

(4) In crossing a divided street or highway, the crossing shall be made only at an intersection.

(c) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, all provisions of Title 10 of the Lincoln Municipal Code and rules of the road shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles upon streets or highways, except for those relating to required equipment, possession of motor vehicle driver's license, and those which by their nature have no application.

(d) A snowmobile may be operated upon the roadway in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impracticable. (Ord. 15650 §1; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.65.010: Ord. 10654 §3; January 2, 1973, as amended January 8, 1973).

10.50.020 Age Restriction.

It shall be unlawful for a person under the age of sixteen years to operate a snowmobile upon the public streets, alleys or ways, or upon any property owned, operated, or controlled by the city. (Ord. 15650 §2; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.65.020: Ord. 10654 §4; January 2, 1973, as amended January 8, 1973).

10.50.030 Firearms Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess any firearm, bow and arrow, or projectile device while operating or riding a snowmobile, unless such bow and arrow is enclosed in a carrying case, or such firearm or projectile device is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case. (Ord. 15650 §3; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.65.030: Ord. 10654 §5; January 2, 1973, as amended January 8, 1973).

10.50.040 Operation on Private Property.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile upon private property without first having obtained permission of the owner, lessee, or occupant of such private property. (Ord. 15650 §4; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.65.040: Ord. 10654 §6; January 2, 1973, as amended January 8, 1973).

10.50.050 Required Equipment.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile upon the public streets, alleys or ways, or upon any property owned, operated, or controlled by the city:

(a) From one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise, and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible any person at a distance of 200 feet without having one whitish light on the front thereof sufficient to render clearly discernible a person 200 feet ahead.

(b) Between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise without having one rear lamp exhibiting a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet to the rear of the snowmobile.

(c) Without reflector material of a minimum area of sixteen square inches mounted on each side forward of the handle bars.

(d) Without brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop such vehicle. (Ord. 15650 §5; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.65.050: Ord. 10654 §7; January 2, 1973, as amended January 8, 1973).

10.50.060 Unlawful Acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile on any public street, highway, public land, ice, snow, park, right-of-way, trail, or course in the following unsafe or harassing ways:

(a) At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all the surrounding circumstances;

(b) In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger any person or the property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto;

(c) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-forming drugs;

(d) Without an adequately lighted head and tail light when required for safety; and

(e) In any tree nursery or other crop planting in a manner which damages or destroys any growing stock. (Ord. 15650 §6; July 9, 1990).